HOUSE BILL 2249

By Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to children involved in crimes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-35-114, is amended in subdivision (23) by deleting the last word "and", in subdivision (24) by deleting the period and inserting instead a semicolon, and by adding the following as a new subdivision (25):

(25) The defendant is an adult who committed the offense while knowingly accompanied by a child under the age of thirteen (13).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.